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THE PATRIARCH IS COMING ! ! !

His Grace, Bishop Anthony of San Francisco has announced that **His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I** will visit San Francisco on **Thursday, November 6, 1997** and will participate in two events on that day, following the official welcome at the airport: **1) Ground breaking at 11 a.m. for phase two** (the Cathedral church itself), followed by a **Doxology** in the new Cathedral Center and **luncheon**, during which time a **Pan-Orthodox Folk Dance Festival** will take place; **2) a Grand Banquet at the St. Francis Hotel at 7 p.m.**

Inasmuch as His All Holiness is the Ecumenical Patriarch, that is, the "first among equals" in the 300 million member Orthodox Church, the festivities will reflect the Pan-Orthodox nature of his office. For example, **all Orthodox**, regardless of ethnic background and jurisdiction, are invited to participate in the religious rites on November 6. The Pan Orthodox-Dance Festival itself will seek to include young people from the various churches: **Greek, Russian, Arabic (Syrian, Lebanese, Palestinian and others), Ukrainian, Serbian, Romanian, even Ethiopian, Eritrean, and Armenian.** The choir at the Doxology will also seek to include members of these churches. The luncheon will be hosted by the Cathedral, and will be compli-

mentary for the many people expected to be here on this historic occasion. In addition, the **entire Christian community** is invited to be present, since the Ecumenical Patriarch is the second ranking bishop in the entire Christian world, after the Pope of Rome, as well as the **entire inter-faith community.**

As Metropolitan of Chalcedon, accompanying his predecessor, Patriarch Demetrios of blessed memory in 1990, **His All Holiness visited the site of the old Cathedral, ravaged by the Loma Prieta earthquake**, and envisioned a new church for the glory of Orthodoxy. The November 6 visit will be an important step in the fulfillment of that vision. This will be the **first visit by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I to San Francisco as Ecumenical Patriarch**, and the **first time in memory that ground for a church in America will have been broken by the highest ranking Orthodox clergyman.** We look forward, with great anticipation and joy, to the visit of His All Holiness.

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

"BAUSCH AND LOMB" TO BE DEMOLISHED

In view of the visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch, preparations are being made not only to receive him, but to complete phase one of our building pro-

ject. Toward this end, the old "Bausch and Lomb" building will be demolished in order to:

- 1) Complete the south side of the new building
- 2) Pave and landscape the site, which will be used immediately for on-site parking and, in the future, for the Cathedral church
- 3) Suspend the ceilings and place the flooring in the various classrooms, offices, library and museum on the second floor
- 4) Install the pavers in the courtyard and complete the fountain and
- 5) Clad the Valencia Street side of the building in granite, and place various trees and greenery in the planters.

For this to be done, \$250,000 is needed. Fifty people need to give \$5,000 each or 250 people need to give \$1,000 each (or a combination thereof) in order for us to be able to accomplish this. Towards this end, and in a spontaneous fashion, \$100,000 was raised at our Father's Day Luncheon this year.

We will be calling on our parishioners and friends to help raise the rest. Please consider this an invitation to participate in this historic undertaking. Don't wait to be called, but find it in your heart to take the initiative and call the Cathedral. Make your contribution. We may not be entirely aware of its implications now but, in the future, you and future generations will understand the full scope of the rebuilding of the Annunciation Cathedral.



GREEK ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

FIRST VISIT OF HIS ALL HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW I
TO THE DIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO – NOVEMBER 6-10, 1997

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

+ Bishop Anthony
of San Francisco

20 'Ιουνίου 1997

Πρός τά εὐσεβῆ μέλη τοῦ 'Επισκοπικοῦ Καθεδρικοῦ Ναοῦ
τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τῆς Θεοτόκου καί ὅλο τό Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα
τῆς 'Ιερᾶς μας 'Επισκοπῆς στή Βόρεια Καλιφόρνια.

'Αγαπητοί μου,

Εἶμαι βέβαιος πῶς ἤδη γνωρίζετε γιά τήν ἱστορική ἐπίσκεψη τῆς
Αὐτοῦ Θειοτάτης Παναγιότητος τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριάρχου Κου. Κου.
Βαρθολομαίου στήν ἱερά μας 'Επισκοπή ἀπό τίς 6-10 Νοεμβρίου.

'Ο Παναγιώτατος θά φθάσῃ στόν "Ἅγιο Φραγκίσκο τήν Πέμπτη 6
Νοεμβρίου. 'Εκτός ἀπό τό Μεγάλο Δεῖπνο πού θά δοθῇ πρός τιμήν Του, ὁ
Παναγιώτατος θά ἐπισκεφθῇ τόν Καθεδρικό μας Ναό γιά νά εὐλογήσῃ τά
καινούργια κτίρια καί νά προστῇ τῆς τελετῆς τῆς καταθέσεως τοῦ θεμελίου
λίθου τοῦ κυρίως Ναοῦ. Θά ἐπακολουθήσῃ δοξολογία στόν Καθεδρικό μας
Ναό μετά τό πέρας τῆς ὁποίας χορευτικές ὁμάδες παιδιῶν τῶν Κοινοτήτων μας
θά χορέψουν παραδοσιακοὺς χορούς κατά τήν διάρκεια τοῦ προγεύματος.

'Αναμένεται ὅτι χιλιάδες πιστοί θά προσέλθουν νά συναντήσουν τόν
Πατριάρχη, νά λάβουν τήν εὐλογία Του, καί νά συμμετάσχουν στά ἐπίσημα
θυρανοίξια τῶν νέων κτιρίων τοῦ Καθεδρικοῦ Ναοῦ.

"Ὅπως ἀντιλαμβάνεσθε μᾶς δίδεται μιά μοναδική εὐκαιρία μεγάλης
ἱστορικής σημασίας καί πρέπει ὅλοι νά καταβάλωμε μεγάλη προσπάθεια γιά
τήν ἐπιτυχία τῆς ὑποδοχῆς τοῦ Πατριάρχου. Μιά παραπάνω προσπάθεια
πρέπει νά γίνῃ γιά τήν εὐπρεπῆ ἐμφάνιση τοῦ κτιριακοῦ συγκροτήματος
ἀρχίζοντας ἀπό τήν κατεδάφιση τοῦ παλαιοῦ κτιρίου Baush and Lomb.

Τήν ἡμέρα τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς πού ἦταν συγχρόνως καί **"ἡμέρα τοῦ
πατέρα"** πληροφορήθηκα ὅτι συλλέξατε τό ποσόν τῶν \$100,000. Αὐτό εἶναι
μιά ἀπόδειξη ὅτι ἔχετε καί τή θέληση καί τήν ἐπιθυμία νά τελειώσετε τό ἔργο.
'Απομένουν \$150,000 γιά ἐξεύρεση. Εἶμαι βέβαιος ὅτι καί τά μέσα ἔχετε καί
τήν ἀποφασιστικότητα διαθέτετε γιά νά τό πράξετε.

Συνεχίσετε μέ τόν ἴδιο ζήλο καί ἐνθουσιασμό ἐμπνεόμενοι ἀπό τό
"Ἅγιο Πνεῦμα. Μ'αὐτό τόν τρόπο, στίς 6 τοῦ Νοέμβρη, θά μπορέσουμε νά
παρουσιάσουμε μέ περηφάνεια καί χαρά στόν Παναγιώτατο ὅ,τι ὁ προκάτοχος
Του, ἀείμνηστος Πατριάρχης Δημήτριος, ὁραματίστηκε πρὶν ἀπό ἑπτὰ χρόνια
πού ἐπισκέφθηκε τό χῶρο μας: **"ἕνα μεγαλοπρεπές συγκρότημα τοῦ
Καθεδρικοῦ μας Ναοῦ στήν ὑπηρεσία τοῦ πιστοῦ λαοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ"**.

Μέ πατρικές εὐχές,

Ὁ Ἅγιος Φραγκίσκος Ἀντώνιος
'Ο Ἅγιος Φραγκίσκος Ἀντώνιος



DIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA



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June 20, 1997

To the Faithful of the Annunciation Cathedral
and the Community at Large of Northern California

Dear beloved:

By now you are aware of the historic visit of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I to all the Dioceses of our holy Archdiocese. His visit to our Diocese will begin on November 6 conclude November 10.

His All Holiness will arrive in San Francisco on Thursday, November 6. In addition to a Grand Banquet which will be held in his honor that evening, he shall be visiting our community in order to dedicate the Cathedral's new facilities (*thyranoxia*), and conduct Ground Breaking services for Phase Two. A Doxology will follow, concluding what will be the only religious event during His Holiness' visit to San Francisco, followed by a mini FDF and luncheon. It is conceivable several thousand people will be in attendance, both to see the Patriarch and receive his blessing and to participate in the formal opening of the Cathedral's new facilities.

As you can see, this is an opportunity of great historical significance for our people and we must all together rise to meet this once-in-a-lifetime challenge. A conscientious effort must be made to complete the building project, beginning with the demolition of the old Bausch and Lomb building.

I understand that on Father's Day, also the Feast of Pentecost, you raised over \$100,000 in a spontaneous fashion. This is a demonstration of both your will and your desire to complete this undertaking. \$150,000 remains to be raised. I am reassured you have the means and the determination to do it.

Continue with the same zeal, inspired by the Holy Spirit. In this way, on November 6, with a great deal of pride and joy, we will be able to offer for his Patriarchal blessing what his predecessor, Patriarch Demetrios I of blessed memory, envisioned when he walked on the site seven years ago, a great Cathedral center in the service of our people.

With paternal blessings,

+Bishop Anthony of San Francisco

GROUND BREAKING/ DOXOLOGY TO BE CELEBRATED

Nothing like this has ever taken place before. When His All Holiness arrives on Thursday, November 6, 1997 he will immediately conduct an agiasmos (blessing of the waters) service and break ground for the new Cathedral church. For this purpose a tent will be erected over the site of the old "Bausch and Lomb," which is scheduled for demolition by that time. The Patriarch and his entourage, led by acolytes, clergy and faithful will then enter the Korinthias Center, where an "ecumenical" doxology will take place, similar to the one held in 1990 in Davies Symphony Hall, when Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios of blessed memory visited San Francisco. At the Doxology, His All Holiness will offer his first address in California, touching on **the unchanging nature of Orthodoxy**.

These religious rites are expected to last no more than one hour. They will begin at **11 a.m. Clergy, Choir Members, Acolytes, and Other Worshipers from throughout Northern California are expected to be at the Cathedral by 10 a.m.** Parking in the area will be difficult, to be sure. However, a parking committee is working with the San Francisco Police Department, together with the State Department, to close off Valencia Street between 14th and Duboce, as well as to identify other areas for parking in the vicinity.

PAN ORTHODOX FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

The idea of a Pan Orthodox Folk Dance Festival was conceived in order to afford His All Holiness the opportunity of meeting young people of all Orthodox backgrounds. The details need to be worked out, but as it is presently conceived, each parish will designate one group to represent it, although **all young people, in costume, from all groups** are invited to attend, greet His All Holiness, and to join in a **final dance - all together**. (It is even conceivable that His All Holiness may join in!)

In order to stress the **Pan-Orthodox** nature of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, we are inviting groups from all Russian, Arabic, (Syrian, Lebanese, Palestinian and others), Ukrainian, Serbian, Romanian, even Ethiopian, Eritrean, and Armenian churches, in addition to those from Greek churches. This will afford the young people of our parishes, in costume, the opportunity to meet their fellow folk dancers from other Orthodox jurisdictions. A special committee is being formed, which will communicate with the clergy and dance officials of each parish to help make this event one of the highlights of His All Holiness' visit.

DEDICATION PLAQUE TO BE UNVEILED

A special bronze dedication plaque is being prepared, the gift of the **Doukas family**, to be unveiled on November 6th. The plaque, approximately two by three feet in size, will be positioned in a prominent place on the building and will read as follows:

HIS ALL HOLINESS BARTHOLOMEW I
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
LAID THE CORNERSTONE
OF THIS ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CHURCH
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
NOVEMBER 6, 1997

Η ΑΥΤΟΥ ΘΕΙΟΤΑΤΗ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΟΤΗΣ
Ο ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΟΣ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΗΣ
ΚΥΡΙΟΣ ΚΥΡΙΟΣ ΒΑΡΘΟΛΟΜΑΙΟΣ Ο Α΄
ΕΘΕΣΕ ΤΟΝ ΘΕΜΕΛΙΟΝ ΛΙΘΟΝ
ΤΟΥ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΥ ΤΟΥΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ
ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ
ΤΗΝ 6ΗΝ ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ 1997

(The Annunciation Cathedral is the only church throughout the Archdiocese of America which was demolished as a result of an earthquake. It is being reconstructed, in two phases. The first phase, a 39,000 square foot facility, was built at a cost of \$3.6 million. Construction on the second phase, the Cathedral church itself, will begin when plans and fund raising are finalized.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS BEING NAMED

An event of this magnitude requires preparation. Toward this end, a number of committees are being named: those of **Program, Logistics, Invitations, Publicity, Seating, Parking, Decorations, Luncheon, Choir, Acolytes, Visiting Clergy, Placque, Finance, Sponsorship, Entertainment (pre event as well as event), Security, and Gift**, to name a few. His Grace, Bishop Anthony has already named Diocesan Committees for the visits to Northern California and Southern California. For example, **Loula Anaston**, President of the Diocese Philoptochos Board, has been named Banquet Committee Chair. Loula and her committee are already working to effect a Grand Banquet commensurate with the stature of the Ecumenical Patriarch. (More information about the Grand Banquet will be disseminated by the Banquet Committee and through pulpit and church bulletin announcements.) The committee for the visit to the Annunciation Cathedral will be staffed by parishioners and friends of the Cathedral, who wish to lend their assistance so that this event will be most successful. While a number of people will be named, **please don't wait to be asked**. If you have some expertise in organizing events or some special skills in the

aforementioned areas, please call **Father Stephen Kyriacou** at the Cathedral and volunteer your services. As soon as all chairs and committees have been identified, we will begin to hold meetings. An initial meeting was held June 28. Others will follow, and will be convened as necessary.

WHO IS THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH?

His All-Holiness, BARTHOLOMEW, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, is the 270th successor of the nearly 2,000 year old Christian Center founded by the Apostle Andrew, the first-called Disciple of Jesus Christ. In 330 A.D. the Roman Emperor Constantine chose this site, called at that time Byzantium, to be the new capital of the Roman Empire, and christened the city "New Rome." However, almost immediately the city came to be referred to as "Constantinople."

Increasingly, the Church of the new capital was called upon to play a more important role in the affairs of the world-wide Christian Church. In recognition of this fact, the Second Ecumenical Council of the Christian Church gave to the Archbishop of Constantinople the second place of honor in the Church, after that of the Bishop (now Pope) of "Old" Rome. As a result, the Archbishop of Constantinople became known as the "Ecumenical Patriarch," or "World-wide Father" of the Undivided Christian Church.

Today, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (modern Istanbul) occupies the first place among the national autocephalous Orthodox Churches world-wide, including Russia, Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and the Middle and Far East. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has the historical and theological responsibility to initiate and coordinate actions among those Churches. For over fifteen centuries, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has been the nexus of spiritual life of the Orthodox Church. Today, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is the spiritual leader of nearly 300 million people around the globe.

The precise role and position of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople has been in place for over 1,600 years, determined centuries ago through the legislative decisions (canons) of the Second and Fourth Ecumenical Councils (at Constantinople in 381, and Chalcedon in 451, respectively) of the Universal and Undivided Christian Church. Changes in governments, nations, whole societies and dominant cultures, even active persecution and restricted religious liberties, have never overturned this all-important position of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Christian world. As Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Barthol-

omew occupies the First Throne of the Orthodox Christian Church, and presides in a fraternal spirit as *primus inter pares*--first among equals. Simply put, the role of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is to coordinate the work of the whole Church. This includes the assembling and convening of Councils, facilitating Inter-Christian and Inter-Faith dialogues and, in general, serving as a spokesperson of the whole Church. As Ecumenical Patriarch--the "World-wide Father"--he is the only Christian Leader who spans every national and ethnic grouping on a global level.

THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH: SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARTYRED CHURCH OF THE 20TH CENTURY

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, as the leader of the Orthodox Christian Church, represents the voice and concerns of a long-suffering Church. Orthodox Churches have endured through some of the most severe religious persecutions of the past 100 years. These persecutions are unprecedented in the 2,000 year history of Christianity. Throughout the Balkans, Asia Minor and Crete in the first decades of this century, whole Orthodox populations were extinguished from native lands they had known for generations.

Beyond the devastation of the Orthodox Church in these lands, in 1917, the Bolshevik Party seized power in Russia and after a brutal civil war, took control of Ukraine and Belorussia. The Communist party unleashed a horrific genocide upon the Orthodox Church, in which hundreds of bishops, tens of thousands of priests, monks and nuns, and millions of lay people were executed or condemned to slow death in the gulags of Siberia.

During World War II, Nazi surrogates presided over the genocidal murder of some 700,000 Serbian Orthodox. Thousands of Orthodox Christians, wearing blue armbands marked with a "P" (for "Pravoslavni" or "Orthodox") were marched to the death camps side by side with their Jewish neighbors. Many of the difficulties that remain to this day in the former Yugoslavia are a direct result of that cruel history. When the Iron Curtain descended after the War's end, the Orthodox Church continued to be the target of a systematic campaign of repression and destruction. The Civil War of Greece, 1945-1949, witnessed the kidnapping of children and the execution of priests. In Albania, the Orthodox Church was structurally annihilated. In Romania from 1958-1959 a whole network of flourishing monasteries and schools was destroyed. Despite this frontal assault on religious faith and freedom, the Orthodox Church survived. As a result, the Communists changed their tactics, and until the fall of the Berlin Wall, their agents regularly attempted to infiltrate the Church and subjugate it.

His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew represents in his own person the memory of the life

and sacrifice of the Martyred Orthodox Church of the 20th Century. After ascending the Ecumenical Throne in 1991, he journeyed throughout the Orthodox world, bringing a message of restoration and renewed hope. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has presided over the restoration of Autonomous Orthodox Churches in the newly free countries of Georgia and Estonia. He has also presided over the re-creation of the Church in Albania. His living witness to the wider global community of this painful yet redemptive history of the struggle for religious freedom is a witness to the innate dignity of humankind.

THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH: SPOKESMAN FOR RECONCILIATION IN THE NEW MILLENIUM

The Orthodox Christian Church stands at the fault lines of modern civilization between the West, Islam, Judaism and the Far East. Orthodox Christians live side by side not only with their Western counterparts, but among Muslims and Jews in the Middle East, and Hindus and Buddhists in the Far East. In November of 1996, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew made a first ever visit to Hong Kong by an Ecumenical Patriarch. He has established an Orthodox Archdiocese there which, as Hong Kong reverts to Beijing's control as of July 1, 1997, is the first official presence of Orthodox Christianity in China since the end of the Second World War.

This is another example of the Ecumenical Patriarch's world-wide presence. As a citizen of Turkey, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew brings a unique perspective on the continuing dialogue between the Christian and Islamic worlds. This dialogue is essential to the long-term resolution of specific world difficulties, such as the crisis in Bosnia. In Lebanon, Orthodox Christians have proven time and time again to be the mediators of those conflicts and only the Orthodox community has chosen not to form a sectarian militia to perpetuate the cycle of killings between Christians, Muslims and Druze. In the former Yugoslavia, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has been the firmest support to the Patriarch of Serbia, Pavle, who from the beginning of the conflicts, has been an untiring advocate for peace and healing, along with Catholic and Muslim religious leaders.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has been the singular force in preparing the Orthodox Church for its continuing role as a mediator between East and West. In his capacity as Ecumenical Patriarch, he has convened the leaders of the self-governing Orthodox Churches around the globe, challenging them to vigorously pursue solutions to the challenges of the new Millennium. Together with His Holiness Pope John Paul II, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has effected unprecedented progress towards reconciliation. As the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian world he is a trans-national figure with global concerns. As he said in his enthronement address: "We shall not be idle in pro-

moting good relations with the major non-Christian religions with the aim of cooperating on the practical level for the safe-guarding and preservation of the great spiritual and moral values of true civilization and the rejection of every negative and catastrophic force to the human person."

He co-sponsored the Peace and Tolerance Conference in Istanbul in 1994, bringing together Christians, Muslims and Jews. He has co-sponsored with His Royal Highness Prince Philip a yearly environmental conference. These, together with efforts on behalf of religious freedom and human rights highlight his preeminence as one of the world's foremost religious leaders.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF HIS ALL HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW THE FIRST

His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was born on the island of Imvros on February 29, 1940. His parents were Christos and Meropi Archontonis (his given name was Demetrios). After the usual course of studies in his birthplace and at the Zoographon Lyceum in Constantinople, he enrolled in the famous Theological School of Halki, from which he graduated with the highest marks in 1961. He was immediately ordained (August 13, 1961) in the Metropolitan Church of Imvros by his Geron, the then Metropolitan of Imvros and Tenedos and afterwards Metropolitan of Eliopolis and Chalcedon, Meliton. He was given the name Bartholomew. From 1961 through 1963 he fulfilled his obligation to military service as an officer in the reserves.

Between the years 1963 and 1968, he continued his education as a recipient of a scholarship of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, both at the Institute of Eastern Studies in Rome and at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. He received his doctorate in Canon Law from the Gregorianum in Rome, having submitted his dissertation, "Concerning the Codification of the Sacred Canons and Canonical Regulations in the Orthodox Church." In 1968, he returned to Constantinople and was appointed the assistant Scholarchis (principal) of the Sacred Theological School of Halki. In the same year, on October 19, he was ordained Presbyter (priest) by his Geron. After six months, Patriarch Athenagoras bestowed the office of Archimandrite on Father Bartholomew in his own Patriarchal Chapel of St. Andrew.

In 1972, when Patriarch Demetrios of blessed memory was elected Ecumenical Patriarch and established the Personal Patriarchal Office, he called Archimandrite Bartholomew to be the Director. On Christmas of 1973 he was elected Metropolitan of Philadelphia. He remained as head of the Personal Patriarchal Office until his promotion as the Metropolitan Geron of Chalcedon in January of 1990. From March of 1974 until his accession to the Ecu-

menical Throne, he was a member of the Holy and Sacred Synod, as well as many Synodical Committees. After the repose of his Geron, Metropolitan Meliton, he was unanimously chosen to be his successor to the Metropolitanate of Chalcedon and was enthroned on January 14, 1990.

Patriarch Bartholomew speaks seven languages: Greek, Turkish, Latin, Italian, French, English and German. He has published many articles, studies and essays. He is a founding member of the "Society for Justice for Eastern Churches" of which he has served as Vice-President. He has been a member of the World Council of Churches and has been Vice-President of the Committee on Faith and Order for eight years. He has taken part in the Fourth General Assembly of the WCC (Uppsala, 1968), the Sixth (Vancouver, 1983), and the Seventh (Canberra, 1991). At this last Assembly, he was chosen as a member of the Central Committee and Executive Committee of the WCC. He has represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate in various Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Conferences, in addition to official missions to the Turkish Government, other Orthodox Churches, Eparchies of the Ecumenical Throne, and the Holy Mountain (Mt. Athos). In 1990 he presided over the Pan-Orthodox Preparatory Committee for the Great and Holy Synod, in Geneva, which considered the subject of the Orthodox Diaspora.

He accompanied the ever-memorable Patriarch Demetrios in every phase of his Sacred March of love, peace and unity in all his sojourns abroad. He has also been invited to give lectures on various subjects of current interest, as well as in his own specialty (Canon Law) in different cities (Athens, Thessaloniki, Louvain, Madrid, Vienna, Rome, to name a few). He is an Associate of the Orthodox Academy of Crete and an honorary member of the Foundation "Pro Oriente" in Vienna. He has received honorary doctorates from the Theological School of the University of Athens, the Theological Academy of Moscow, the Philosophical School of the University of Crete, the City University of London, and the Environmental Department of the University of the Hague. He was bestowed a similar title by the Holy Cross Theological School in Boston and Boston College.

Immediately upon his accession to the Ecumenical Throne he began his work by outlining his vision in his Enthronement Address. Thus, with a view to promoting the cause of Orthodox cooperation and unity, he invited to the Phanar (the district where the Ecumenical Patriarchate is located) the heads of all Autocephalous Orthodox Churches to concelebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy in 1991. All of the Hierarchs at this meeting issued a Message to the Church and to the world, characterized by the united voice of Orthodoxy.

As a new Patriarch, he made the customary visit to the President of Turkey and various governmental agencies in Ankara, with a view to presenting the interests of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the con-

cerns of the Orthodox Christian Community in Turkey, especially the issue of the re-opening of the Sacred Theological School of Halki.

In 1992, during Holy Week, he consecrated a new quantity of Holy Myrrh (Chrism which is sent to all Orthodox Churches for chrismation or confirmation and the consecration of churches). He also established in the same year the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman (the fifth Sunday after Easter) as the Patriarchal and Synodical Divine Liturgy commemorating his predecessors, the holy and venerable Patriarchs of Constantinople.

He has received Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and with him sponsored a conference on the Environment on Halki. In 1993, he visited the Prince at Buckingham Palace and gave an impetus to many considerations and plans of action on this vital topic. At the same time, he established the first day of September as the occasion of an annual Message on the protection of creation, as well as a day of prayer at the Patriarchate and throughout the Orthodox world.

In June of 1992 His All Holiness experienced an emotional return to his birthplace of Imvros and in 1994 he visited its sister island of Tenedos. At the conclusion of his first year of his patriarchate, he began official visits abroad, which have taken him as far as Japan and Korea, Ethiopia and throughout Europe and Russia. In March of 1996 Patriarch Bartholomew received First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on her official visit of Southeast Europe. This was the first time the wife of a U.S. President has ever visited the Ecumenical Throne. Later that year, His All-Holiness visited Australia and New Zealand. This year, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew continues his journeys with a month-long visit to the United States, beginning in Washington, D.C. and concluding in California, where he will visit San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Whether at the Phanar, or in his extensive visitations throughout the world, His All Holiness has been embraced with warmth and admiration. He has brought all Orthodox Christians cause for great joy and a special pride, in that God has raised up for us an Ecumenical Patriarch of true Ecumenical stature.

WALK FOR MISSIONS

The historic visit to our Diocese of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, will be highlighted with **Walks for Missions** on **Saturday, November 8**. The local walk will take place around Lake Merced.

Father John Roll, Cathedral assistant pastor and Diocese youth director, is in charge of the walks in the Bay Area, assisted by **Michael Canellos**, programs coordinator, **Florika Bozinelos**, clergy and youth leaders from the Bay Area parishes.



ON OCTOBER 17, 1996 (THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE), HIS ALL HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW I RECEIVED CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS ON THEIR RETURN FROM A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. SHOWN WITH THE PATRIARCH IN HIS ALL HOLINESS' PERSONAL STUDY ARE, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MICHAEL KLIMENKO, ROSE SOGOTIS, EFFIE MAKRAS, EFFIE TAMARAS, PETER TAMARAS, PRESBYTERA VASILIKI KYRIACOU, REVEREND STEPHEN KYRIACOU, HIS ALL HOLINESS, YOTA GOFAS, EMILY TAMARAS, MARIA MAJKA, MARIANNA KLIMENKO, ACKIE ARGYES, CONNIE PANAGOTACOS WHITE, STEVE CHAPRALIS, AND DR. DEMETRI POLITES. NOT SHOWN ARE NEAL WHITE AND IRENE GIANARAS, ALSO MEMBERS OF THE PILGRIMAGE.

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